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SUMMARY AD HOC COMITE ON LONG-RANGE STRATEGY CONCLUDED
FIRST SESSION ON SCHEDULE JULY 31, HAVING GIVEN RECS
ONE TO FOUR OF GROUP OF HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS REPORT
PRELIMINARY, RATHER GENERAL EXAMINATION. DELS
APPEARED RECOGNIZED COMPLEXITY OF UNDERTAKING AND NO
ONE SOUGHT PRESS CONCLUSIONS. ALTHOUGH ATMOSPHERE
THROUGHOUT WAS CORDIAL, BEGINNING OF GENUINE DIALOGUE
AMONG DELS AND WITH SECRETARIAT ONLY BEGAN EMERGE
AS COMIT NEARED END OF SESSION. DELS TENDED ADHERE TO
HITHERTO CHARACTERISTIC POSITIONS, ALBEIT LESS TIFFLY
THAN AT IDB/PC MEETINGS. AT SESSION'S END, COMITE HAD
APPROVED INTERIM TWO-PART REPORT COMPRISING TRADITIONAL
UN SUMMARY OF VIEWS AND EFFORT AT OUTLINGING "EMERGING
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GENERAL CONCLUSIONS". GROUP OF 77 ESTABLISHED SIX

MEMBER INTERSESSIONAL WORKING PARTY WITH WHICH OTHER GROUPS PLAN MAINTAIN " INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP" LIAISON. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING OPENING OF AD HOC COMMITTEE FIRST SESSION AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK (REFTEL), CHAIRMAN TURNED TO AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS REPORT, INVITING DELS WITHER ADDRESS RECOMMENDATIONS AS WHOLE OR SPEAK TO INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING US (SEE BELOW--PAR 5), CHOSE AT OUTSET FORMER APPROACH, WHILE OTHERS LIMITED THEMSELVES INITIALLY TO RECOMMENDATION ONE. A FEW CHOSE OTHER PERMUTATIONS, WITH MOST DELEGATIONS (US) WHO HAD BEGUN WITH GENERAL STATEMENTS INTERVENING FURTHER RE PARTICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS. RESULT FOR FIRST DAYS WAS RATHER GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH LITTLE ACTIVE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONING OF OTHER DELEGATIONS" INTERVENTIONS, I.E., NO REAL DIALOGUE. SECRETARIAT, WHILE REGULARLY REPRESENTED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ONE OR MORE ACTING DIVISION DIRECTORS, ALSO TENDED INHIBIT DIALOGUE BY LIMITING ITSELF TO REPLYING TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, SOMETIMES RATHER INCOMPLETELY.

A. WHILE TONE OF DEBATE WAS CONSISTENTLY MODERATE, THERE WAS UNDERCURRENT OF LDC SUSPICIONS THAT DC DESIRED FURTHER CIRCUMSCRIBE UNUDIO FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND OF DC APPREHENSIONS THAT LDC'S ESSENTIALLY INTERESTED IN GREATER FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

B. BY COB FRIDAY CHAIRMAN INDICATED COMITE HAD CONCLUDED ITS CONSIDERATION OF EXPERTS RECOMMENDATIONS ONE AND TWO, ALTHOUGH HE ACCEPTED US POINT THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY RETURN FURTHER AT LATER SESSIONS TO THESE AND OTHER RECS.

C. RAPPORTEUR WAS PUT TO WORK OVER WEEKEND, ASSISTED BY HIS "FRIENDS" AND SECRETARIAT, TO PREPARE "EMERGING GENERAL CONCLUSIONS", DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS "GENERAL FINDINGS" AND FINDINGS WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS." (REPORT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDERSTOOD BE INTERIM "AIDE MEMOIRE" FOR COMITE'S FUTURE WORK.) BY MONDAY A.M. HE HAD COMPLETED DRAFTING THROUGH EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATION TWO.

D. MONDAY MORNING DEMONSTRATED DISPOSTIION TOWARD GREATER DIALOGUE AS SECRETARIAT MADE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONING CHIEF OF IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMMING SECTION, PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH DESIGN AND

IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR SHARE OF UNIDIO STUDIES AND RESEARCH. ACTIVE QUESTIONING ELICITED COMPREHENSIVE AND USEFUL ANSWERS WHICH (AT US REQUEST) BECAME BASIS OF SECRETARIAT PAPER MADE AVAILABLE TO COMMITTEE. WHILE DISCUSSION PRODUCED NO IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT ON REFINEMENT OF EXPERTS' REC ONE, IT WAS FIRST REALLY USEFUL SECRETARIAT INPUT AND PROVOKED NUMEROUS PRIVATE INDICATIONS OF GROWING CONFIDENCE IN COMITE'S POTENTIAL FOR REFINING EXPERTS RECOMMENDATIONS, IF NOT FOR ARTICULATION OF LONG-RANGE STRATEGY. FOREGOING MOOD WAS IMPORTANTLY REINFORCED BY GROWING CONFIDENCE AMONG COMITE MEMBERS IN ONE ANOTHER'S OBJECTIVES AND RECOGNITION THAT DELS WERE NOT DISPOSED TRY "RAILROAD" PARTICULAR POINT OF VIEW OR APPROACH TO COMITE'S WORK. MONDAY P.M. DEVOTED TO ESSENTIALLY NONCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF RECS THREE AND FOUR (US COMMENTS DRAWING ON VARIOUS POINTS IN AID PAPER) CONCLUDING FIRST SESSION'S SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION OF HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS RECS.

3. TUESDAY A.M. COMITE MET INFORMALLY TO CONSIDER INTERSESSIONAL PREPARATIONS FOR COMITE'S DEC SESSION.

A. MUCH OF DISCUSSION CONCERNED CHOICE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS TO INVITE TO DECEMBER SESSION AND NATURE OF THEIR DESIRED INPUT. COMITE FINALLY AGREED INVITE, UNDP, UNCTAD, ILO, FAO, REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, UNRISD, AND CDP BE REPRESENTED AT SENIOR LEVELS AND BE AVAILABLE FOR FULL DIALOGUE IN AND OUTSIDE PLENARY RE THEIR ACTIVITIES AND VIEWPOINTS RELEVANT TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TO EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH AD HOC COMITE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE.

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B. AT EARLIER (SUNDAY) INFORMAL MEETING AT MIN. STIBRAVY'S HOME REPS OF GROUPS A, B, AND C AGREED BEGIN PROCESS ASAP OF DIRECT, BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH UNDP, UNCTAD AND RELEVANT SPECIALIZED AGENCIES RE UNIDO AND THEIR INTERFACE.

C. COMITE ALSO AGREED INSTRUCT UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WRITE THOSE UNIDO MEMBER GOVTS WHO HAD NOT RESPONDED TO EARLIER INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN VIEWS ON HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS REPORT, RENEWING INVITATION. FURTHER AGREED THAT REPORT OF COMITE'S FIRST SESSION WOULD BE CIRCULATED ONLY TO GOVTS MEMBER OF AD HOC COMITE.

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D. GROUP OF 77 ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP WITH SIX GOVT CADRE (BRAZIL, EGYPT, INDIA, INDONESIA, PERU AND NIGERIA OR ALGERIA) UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF PERUVIAN PERMREP FERNANI. WG WOULD MEET AT LEAST TWICE PRIOR AD HOC COMITE'S DECEMBER SESSION (WITH SECRETARIAT STAFF SUPPORT) AND BE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMAL INTERGROUP CONSULTATIONS AT VIENNA. (WE REGARD THIS AS HIGHLY USEFUL TO EXTENT IT CONTRIBUTES TO MORE MEANINGFUL, BETTER PREPARED DIALOGUE, BUT GROUP OF 77 WG ALSO CARRIES POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RIGID POSITIONS CONTRARY THOSE OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.)

E. EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION RE DOCUMENTATION DESIRED FROM SECRETARIAT FOR DECEMBER SESSION RESOLVED BY AGREEMENT FOR COMITE MEMBER GOVTS GIVE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO SECRETARIAT (SFEIR) BY END OF AUGUST. SECRETARIAT WILL PASS TO CHAIRMAN WITH ITS VIEWS AND CHAIRMAN "AFTER CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS" WILL INSTRUCT SECRETARIAT. OBJECTIVE IS HAVE COMPLETED DOCS IN MEMBERS' HANDS BY END OF OCTOBER, BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER.

4. PRIOR ADJOURNMENT AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, JULY 31, COMMITTEE ADOPTED TWO-PART REPORT (PARA 1.C ABOVE) WITH FEW AMENDMENTS,
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MINIMUM DEBATE AND CONTENTION. (TEXT BEING POUCHED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.) ONLY ACTUAL ISSUE WAS SOVIET EFFORT INTRODUCE IN PART B DECLARATION OF PARTICULAR ROLE OF STATE SECTOR IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH AFTER FEW MINUTES DEBATE WAS WITHDRAWN. OTHER THAN TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED BY RAPPORTEUR, ONLY 15 AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED (OUT OF 18 PROPOSED), OF WHICH US AUTHORED 6, USSR 4, (ONE OF WHICH WAS JOINT AMENDMENT WITH US) AND BRAZIL 3.

5. PRINCIPAL US INTERVENTION, DELIVERED BY SCHUWEILER ON SECOND DAY OF SESSION, CONSISTED OF EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS FROM INTRODUCTORY SECTION AND PROPOSALS RE EXPERTS REC ONE OF AID PAPER, AND SOMEWHAT MORE SELECTIVE EXCERPTING OF PARTS THEREOF RELATING TO RECS 2-5. STATEMENT DEALT AT SOME LENGTH WITH PROBLEM OF ASSURING MOST EFFECTIVE UNIDO CONTRIBUTION TO UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. ALSO EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF GOOD UNIDO EVALUATION PROGRAM AND COOPERATION/COORDINATION BETWEEN UNIDO AND OTHER UN AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. INTERVENTION STIMULATED NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR TEXT; IN VIEW UNCLEARED AND LOCALLY UNCOORDINATED STATUS OF INTERVENTION, REQUESTS WERE TURNED ASIDE ON GROUNDS VIEWS WERE PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE SUBSTANTIAL REVISION IN LIGHT OF FUTURE COMITE DISCUSSION. WE PROMISED, HOWEVER, WRITTEN STATEMENT US VIEWS AT LATER STAGE IN COMITE'S WORK.

6. WHILE SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS TAKEN BY PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS HAVE RANGED FROM DETAILED AND SOPHISTICATED TO SIMPLISTIC, NO SIGNIFICANT NEW THEMES EMERGED AND BASIC ISSUES NOT JOINTED. NOTEWORTHY THAT NO EFFORT MADE TO PRESS SIMPLY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPERTS RECOMMENDATIONS, RATHER GENERAL DESIRE WAS EVIDENT FOR CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF ISSUES RAISED BY EXPERTS REPORT INCLUDING RELATIONSHIP TO GENERAL ORIENTATION OF UNIDO. MAJOR LDC DELS (INDIA, INDONESIA, SRI LANKA) HAVE TENDED STRESS IMPORTANCE OF INCREASED AND IMPROVED OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY; WHILE VOICING SUPPORT FOR STUDIES AND RESEARCH, THEY INDICATED THEIR GOVTS DO NOT LOOK TO UNIDO FOR IMPORTANT ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND ANY EXPANSION OF STUDIES AND RESEARCH SHOULD NOT BE AT EXPENSE OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY. IN CIRCUMSPECT, USUALLY IMPLICIT TERMS THEY ALSO INDICATED UNHAPPINESS WITH DIVERSION UNDP RESOURCES TO RLDC'S. THEME OF GREATER COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S ALONG LINES

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IDB/RES 36 (VII) GENERALLY DREW LDC SUPPORT, AS DID NEED FOR UNIDO RECEIVE GREATER FINANCIAL SUPPORT. DC'S, ON OTHER HAND, EMPHASIZED PRIORITY IMPORTANCE OF ENHANCED UNIDO CAPABILITY

GIVE POLICY ADVICE (EXPERTS REC 1), NEED FOR BETTER EVALUATION, CREATION OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS TO ADVISE ON ASPECTS OF PROGRAM FORMULATION (STUDIES AND RESEARCH AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION), AND BETTER MANAGEMENT OF OPERATIONAL PROGRAM. USUALLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE OF PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT CREATED LITTLE STIR; USSR STRUCK SUBDUED CAUTIONARY NOTE AND US AND UK CITED POSITIVE ARGUMENTS IN LOW-KEYED REJOINDER.

7. FIRST SESSION REPORT AND COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION BEING TRANSMITTED DEPT AND USUN SEPARATELY.HINSON

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